

New State Health Director to Join KDHE

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is pleased to announce that Howard Rodenberg, M.D., M.P.H., of Daytona Beach, Fla. has accepted the position of KDHE Division of Health Director. Dr. Rodenberg has been serving as the director of the Volusia County Health Dept. in Daytona Beach since October 2003.



Howard Rodenberg, M.D.

“Dr. Rodenberg's experience in public health and emergency medical services, as well as his demonstrated commitment to health issues will be invaluable to the agency,” KDHE Secretary Roderick Bremby said. “We are extremely pleased with his decision to return to the Midwest to lead the Division of Health, and we will greatly benefit from his experiences abroad as well as his extensive background in medicine.”

In addition to providing health leadership for Volusia County, Rodenberg continues to work as an emergency physician at Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach. He earned his undergraduate degree in Biology from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, his medical degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine, and his Master of Public Health degree from the University of South Florida, Tampa.

Rodenberg has also worked in emergency medicine services as EMS Medical Director for Volusia County and as Medical Director for EMS Programs at Central Florida Community College. He served as a consultant for Emergency Health Services with Medical Rescue International, Inc. in Johannesburg, South Africa and as a field physician during the Rwandan refugee crisis in Zaire, as well as following Hurricane Andrew in Florida.

In addition, he served as a NASA certified flight surgeon and NASA - University of Florida Kennedy Space Center Launch and Landing Support Medical Team Coordinator for several years.

Rodenberg will begin work with KDHE in February, and replaces Dr. Michael Moser who left the agency in April 2003. Richard Morrissey, director of KDHE's Office of Local and Rural Health, has served as interim health director since Moser's departure.